ORDINANCE NO. 278

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIOGA PROVIDING FOR NEW SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF TIOGA; REPEALING ORDINANCE 169 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OF THE CITY IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING THE BASE RATES FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEWER SERVICE IN THE CITY OF TIOGA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tioga has considered the substantial increase in the cost of maintenance and operation of the city sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tioga has determined that the current rates should be adjusted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIOGA, TEXAS:

- Section 1. All charges for sewage will be based on the amount of water used by the customer. The base rate for both residential customers and commercial (non-residential) customers shall be \$17.00 per month for the first twenty-five hundred (2,500) gallons of water used by that customer.
- Section 2. For Residential customers, the sewer charge shall be \$2.50 per month for each one thousand gallons over the 2500 gallon minimum base, up to a maximum of 15,000 gallons. Fifteen thousand gallons (15,000) shall be the maximum amount for which sewer rates shall be charged.
- Section 3. For all Commercial customers, the sewer charge shall be \$2.50 per month for each one thousand gallons over the 2500 gallon minimum base. For commercial customers there shall be no limit as to the usage as in residential rates.
- Section 4. For the purposes of this ordinance, Residential shall be defined only as a single family residence or duplex wherein the residents are billed separately and pay individual bills, not as part of a building complex, corporation, or other business or commercial establishment. Commercial shall be defined as all non-residential customers.
- Section 5. The City Council having determined that an emergency existed and that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tioga that these rates be effective as soon as possible, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

Passed this 14th day of September, 2009.

Mayor, City of Tioga

Attest:

City Secretary